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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS WHICH AMBASSADOR HERZ HAS
PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I HAVE THE HONOR AND THE PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY IN YOUR CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF STATE, ACCREDITING ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRA-
ORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BULGARIA. I AM ALSO PRESENTING THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY
PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR HORACE G. TORBERT, JR.

IT IS MY HOPE, AND THE HOPE OF MY GOVERNMENT, THAT
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL FURTHER IMPROVE
AND EXPAND. THIS WAS ALSO THE WISH EXPRESSED BY MY
PREDECESSOR WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE TO
YOU IN NOVEMBER, 1970. THERE IS A NOTABLE DIFFERENCE,
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HOWEVER, BETWEEN THE SITUATION THEN AND NOW. TODAY THERE

EXIST A NUMBER OF CONCRETE INDICATIONS THAT A WIDENING OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE

AND BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES BUT ALSO IN KEEPING WITH A
GENERAL TREND IN EUROPE, THE TREND TOWARD DETENTE AND MORE
ACTIVE TIES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

MR. CHAIRMAN, IN ADDITION TO BEING A PROFESSIONAL
DIPLOMAT I AM ALSO A STUDENT OF HISTORY. I HAVE SERVED
MY COUNTRY IN MANY DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD AND HAVE
BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONS IN THE
POLICIES OF COUNTRIES. AMONG THOSE TRADITIONS ARE FRIEND-
SHIPS AND AFFINITIES BETWEEN NATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS TRADITIONAL FRIENDS, AND SO
HAS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA. OF COURSE, THE
MAINTENANCE OF SUCH TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS DOES NOT
PREVENT PROGRESS TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WHEN THIS CONTRIBUTES TO
WORLD PEACE.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT I VIEW THE
FAVORABLE PROSPECTS FOR A DEEPENING OF THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BULGARIA. MY GOVERNMENT IS GRATIFIED AT THE STEPS THAT
HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO NORMALIZE, ACTIVATE, AND GIVE SUB-
STANCE TO BULGARIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS SINCE THE MEETING
OF OUR TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK IN 1972. THESE
STEPS HAVE CREATED A BASIS ON WHICH FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS
CAN BE DEVELOPED.

DURING MY STAY IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, I HOPE TO
BE ABLE TO SEE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. TO THIS END I WILL DO MY BEST TO GET
TO KNOW THE BULGARIAN POINT OF VIEW ON MANY MATTERS AND TO
INTERPRET IT TO MY GOVERNMENT, AND ALSO TO INTERPRET TO
YOU THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES. IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO
ME TO BE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, PERMIT ME TO BEGIN MY MISSION IN
BULGARIA BY EXTENDING TO YOU PERSONALLY, AND THROUGH YOU
TO THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE, THE SINCERE BEST WISHES OF MY
GOVERNMENT AND THE HOPE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR EVER MORE
CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.
END TEXT.

2. UNLESS EMBASSY SEES NEED FOR REVISION, REQUEST YOU
HAVE REMARKS TYPED IN PROPER FORMAT FOR DELIVERY. KISSINGER

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